

# **\*Update\*** Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Milford

**Milford-** The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash that occurred earlier today.

The incident occurred on January 4, 2020 at approximately 1:22 p.m., when a 2009 Mercury Marquis was traveling eastbound on Pine Haven Road stopped at a posted stop sign at the intersection of Coastal Highway. A 1998 Dodge Ram pickup truck was traveling southbound on Coastal Highway approaching the intersection of Pine Haven Road where the Marquis was stopped. For unknown reasons, the operator of the Marquis pulled forward from the stop sign and entered Coastal Highway directly into the path of the pickup. The operator of the pickup was unable to avoid the collision, and the front of the truck collided with the left side of the Marquis within the right travel lane of Coastal Highway.

The operator of the Marquis, a 72-year-old male from Harrington, DE was properly restrained. He was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin. A passenger in the vehicle, a male from Sioux Falls, SD was properly restrained. He sustained critical injuries and was transported to the Bayhealth Sussex Campus.

The operator of the pickup truck, a 30-year-old male from Georgetown, DE and his passenger were properly restrained and did not sustain injury.

Coastal Highway in the area of Pine Haven Road was closed for an extended period of time while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

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